Oct 1975

The MESSENGER

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

St. Stephen's, Milnrow & Littleborough

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

October

Fri.	3rd	District Meeting 7.30 pm. "PALM COURT"
Sun.	5th	11.00 am. Rev. A. Nash 6.00 pm. Service of Word & Sacramnet
Mon.	6th	6.30 pm. Pilots (& each Monday)
Wed.	8th	2.00 pm. Young Mums (& each Wednesday) 7.30 pm. Whist Drive (& each Wednesday) 7.30 pm. Elders Meeting
Sat.	11th	Provincial Synod
Sun.	12th	"Outreach Week" commences 11.00 am. Mrs. E. Gillon (Reception of CWM Boxes) 6.00 pm. Mrs. M. Nash For "Outreach Week" programme See separate notice on page 8
Sun.	19th	11.00 am. Family Communion 6.00 pm. Rev. A. Nash
Thur.	23rd	7.30 pm. Womens Rally at Denton U.R.C.
Fri.	24th	7.30 pm. Young People's Fellowship
Sun.	26th	11.00 am. Mr. A. Roberts 6.00 pm. Rev. A. Nash
Tues.	28th	7.30 pm. White Elephant Auction (Women's Guild)
Wed.	29th	7.30 pm. Church Meeting

November

Sun.	2nd	11.00 am. Rev. A. Nash 6.00 pm. Service of Word & Sacrament
Mon.	3rd	8.15 pm. Efforts Committee Mtg.
Tues.	4th	7.30 pm. Women's Guild

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FLOWERS FOR COMMUNION TABLE

Oct.	5th	Mrs. D. Hey	
	12th	Mrs. M. Lee	Mrs. B. Beattie
	19th	Mrs. M. Fallon	Mrs. E. Scholes
	26th	Mrs. Brown	
Nov.	2nd	Miss A. Memory	

LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

October

Wed. 1st	6.45 pm.	Pilots
Fri. 3rd	8.00 pm.	"Clothing Party" at Mrs. Grindrod's (40 Faleos Road)..... 10p Proceeds for Refreshment Stall
Sun. 5th	10.30 am.	Mr. J. Lord: Promotion Sunday Books presented by Mrs. Vincent.
Tues. 7th	7.30 pm.	"Coffee Evening" Proceeds for Tea Room
Wed. 8th	6.45 p.m.	Pilots
Sun. 10th	10.30 am.	Rev. A. Nash
	6.00 pm.	"
Thur. 16th		Reception of Jumble START SEARCHING NOW!
Fri. 17th	7.00 pm.	Jumble Sale - 3p. (Women's Guild
Sun. 19th	10.30 am.	Mrs. Nash
Tues. 21st	7.30 pm.	Mr. Roy Vincent ?
Wed. 22nd	6.45 pm.	Pilots
Thur, 23rd	7.30 pm.	Men's Fellowship: Mr. Rex Moore
Sun. 26th	10.30 am.	Rev. A. Nash
Mon. 27th	7.30 pm.	Junior Church Staff Meeting
Tues. 28th	7.30 pm.	"Scottish Country Dancing Display Proceeds for Tombola Stall

November

Sat. 1st	7.15 pm.	Family Social
Sun. 2nd	10.30 am.	To be announced

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COLLECTIONS

	Cash	Envelopes
July 6th	1.37	14.17
13th	6.52	22.83
20th	2.45½	10.24½
27th	3.38½	8.37½
Aug. 3rd	2.51½	18.28½
10th	4.10½	13.42½
17th	1.56	9.47
24th	3.02½	12.12½

From the Manse,

October 1975

My dear friends,

How often during the week do you go to see who is knocking on the door? Sometimes it is the milkman - sometimes a free sample of washing powder is handed in. On the other hand it could be unexpected guests.

Often the arrival of such visitors presents a number of problems. Jesus told a story of a man who suddenly found himself called on to act as host late at night, and having insufficient bread in the house he was forced to knock up a friend and borrow some. It is unlikely that this will be our difficulty, but at the same time we do like to be ready to receive guests properly when they arrive. We like to have a room ready if they are to stay overnight, and to have something special in the larder for them to eat. There are, however, some preparations that the host does not feel called upon to make except in real emergencies. He doesn't expect to have to provide a tooth brush or handerchiefs for instance. These are part of the guest's own preparations.

The Bible tells us that God has prepared from the beginning to receive His people. They will be His guests and He has done His part in getting ready for them. On our own side there are the preparations we have to make. We must give ourselves to Jesus Christ and serve Him every day. It is as His that we enter God's Kingdom and He will prepare us and present us to God as guests welcome and acceptable to Him.

Many folk wish for a place with God in His Kingdom. It is there for them to have but somehow they never make any move towards claiming it. Perhaps they find it hard to begin.

Well, there is a simple way. Find a moment when you can talk with God quietly and ask Him to help you. Ask Him for forgiveness in Christ's name and for a new beginning. Go on from there. Why not begin with Christ today?

May God bless you all,

Your sincere friend,

ALFRED NASH

Thought for the month:

"Come ye blesses of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world".

St. Matthew Chapter 25: v.34

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OBITUARY

The funeral of Mr. FRANK WHITEHEAD, aged 72, of Charles Lane, Milnrow, took place on Wednesday, August 27th at Rochdale Crematorium.

The service was conducted by Rev. D. Whitehead of Shaw United Reformed Church.

May we offer our deepest sympathy to the family in their loss.

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CONGRATULATIONS to:

KENNETH and CYNTHIA HEY

on the birth of a son - PHILIP STUART

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BEST WISHES for a speedy recovery to Mrs.JOAN DUFFY.

Also to Mrs. RACHEL WOOLFENDEN, still in hospital.

(After a brief spell in hospital, our editor is now back in circulation and, we hope, making good progress.)

WIFES AND STRAYS

Mr. Jackson of Dr. Barnardo's was the guest speaker at this month's Ladies Guild. The very interesting film which he showed to us illustrated clearly that the work of this very well known organisation has changed in several important respects since the great man embarked on his work in Victorian times. Nevertheless, certain features remain as always, such as the growing need for help of many kinds and the ever acute financial problems. We came away more knowledgable and more determined to support the work of Dr. Barnardo's and similar organisations whenever we can.

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No fewer than 49 ladies came along to the long awaited Guild Outing to Wilsons' of Lothersdale. Those readers who don't know where Lothersdale is might be comforted to learn that neither did the coach driver and organisers of the trip. It is alleged that signposts had been camoflaged or removed in celebration of the visit, although the Editor assures us that there were at least two appropriate signs between Colne and Skipton when he passed that way in July. At any rate the intrepid party arrived ¾ hr late and were warmly welcomed as visitors from a far off land should be in Yorkshire, although, by all accounts, they did not spend too much foreign currency at the Mill Shop. Wilsons' is well worth a visit as a relic of the water power age: a former corn mill which converted to cotton (in Yorkshire?) in 1792 and boasts a magnificent 46 ft water wheel which was actually operational until 1933 when the electricity company insisted on its closure as a condition of bringing a more modern power supply to the village. Perhaps it's because they have electric lights now that they encourage housewives to go gadding about the countryside at all hours and not get back to their own hearths until midnight. In the days of water power chaps didn't have to make their own suppers.

The next Women's Guild meeting will take place during "Outreach Week" on October 14th to be precise. This will be a joint programme with the C.W.M. Committee, so tell everyone and come along yourself.

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The Autumnal District Women's Rally will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 7.30 p.m., at Denton U.R.C., when the speaker will be Mrs. E. Gillon. Will all ladies wishing to go, please give their names to Mrs. J. Kay or Mrs. M. Holden by October 14th, so that transport can be arranged.

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The Women's Guild are holding a:

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION
on Tuesday, 28th October at 7.30 p.m.
Admission 10p. (Including Light Refreshments)

If you have any household or personal items which you no longer want (in a good condition), please bring it with you.

No clothing please!

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OUT OF THIS WORLD

The Wednesday Afternoon Young Mums group is meeting once again and has a fascinating and varied programme to look forward to. Already we have had a down to earth talk on "Space" given by Mr. Ian Royle who provoked our thoughts with some unsettling remarks about the human condition in a crowded civilisation.

In the near future we have what might be contrasting contributions from a Health Visitor and an Undertaker; then from a Minister's Wife and a Policeman. Lest the young mums be accused of "hedging their bets" let it be known that all this will be followed by a Beetle Drive.

This group really does seem to be functioning very well and they are certainly a lively collection of people. If there is anyone who hasn't been along yet but is thinking of doing so, the group meets from 2 to 3 each Wednesday and there is a creche for the little horrors.

PROGRAMME FOR "OUTREACH WEEK" AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Sunday 12th: 11.0 am. Family Service
Conducted by Mrs. Edith Gillon

6.00 pm. Evening Praise
Conducted by Mrs. Maud Nash
(Followed by Fellowship Time with the Young People).

Monday 13th: 6.30 to 8.0 p.m. "OPEN EVENING" presented by Pilots and Junior Church

8.00 pm. "MEN'S OWN"

Tuesday 14th: 7.30 pm. "A WORLD-WIDE TOUR" presented by The Ladies Guild.

Wednesday 15th: 2.0 pm. Young Mums
Guest speaker: Mrs. West
(Creche provided)
7.30 p.m. "POP YOUR QUESTION" Time

Thursday 16th: 7.30 p.m. "GET-TOGETHER"
Singing/discussion/music/refreshments.

Friday 17th: 7.30 pm. Family Social
7.30 pm. Meet the Young People in the Pennine Room (questions, comments etc.)

Sunday 19th: 11.00 am. Family Service

6.00 pm. Guest Evening
(Followed by Fellowship Time)

Preacher at both services: Rev. A. Nash

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Your prayers are asked for the success of our "Outreach Week". We believe God has called us, as a Church, to undertake this project and would seek His guidance that His word may be proclaimed and lives won for Him.

MINISTER'S CLASS

EVERY TUESDAY in the Manse - Minister's Class. This is for you .. to help you with your daily living .. to answer the many questions you may have regarding Jesus Christ and the Christian Way .. To help you in preparation for Church Membership

You are invited to come - 7.30 pm.- Tuesday - Manse.

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WARM THOUGHTS

By the time you read this the new boiler should be in operation, but when you soak in its heat please remember that it is not yet altogether paid for. The heating fund "Rocket" stands at £231 at the time of going to press. We would like to express our thanks for recent contributions and, in particular, we would like to acknowledge the £22 donation given in memory of the late Mr. Frank Whitehead by his family and friends.

We still, of course, have some way to go so help us if you can to keep the Rocket moving upward.

A LITTLE PRAYER
...of the long distance runner.

"Lord, I'll put my feet down you pick 'em up,
I'll put my feet down you pick 'em up,
I'll put my feet down you.....

A "PALM COURT" with Guest Artistes will be held on Friday, 3rd October. at 7.30 pm.

Admission: Adults 15p; Children 10p
Refreshments at moderate charges.

REFECTORY GRACE - Chester Cathedral

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest;
But when and how that something comes
I leave to Thee, who knowest best.

Give me a healthy body, Lord;
Give me the sense to keep it so;
Also a heart that is not boared
Whatever work I have to do.

Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord,
That finds the good that dodges sight;
And, seeing sin, is not appalled,
But seeks a way to put it right.

Give me a point of view, Good Lord,
Let me know what it is, and why.
Don't let me worry overmuch
About the thing that's known as "I".

Give me a sense of humour, Lord,
Give me the power to see a joke,
To get some happiness from life,
And pass it on to other folk.

....Thomas Harry Basil Webb

The Church spire climbs high
Up into the sky.
I wonder why!

I think I know
It is to show
The way our thoughts should go.

CHILDREN LEARN - WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child -		
lives with	CRITICISM	He learns to CONDEMN
" "	HOSTILITY	" " " FIGHT
" "	RIDICULE	" " " SHY
" "	JEALOUSY	" " " FEEL GUILTY
" "	TOLERANCE	" " " be PATIENT
" "	ENCOURAGEMENT	" " " be CONFIDENT
" "	PRAISE	" " " APPRECIATE
" "	FAIRNESS	" " " be JUST
" "	SECURITY	" " " have FAITH
" "	APPROVAL	" " " LOVE

Comments on learning: Perhaps we all learn as children, all the days of our lives, and this is something in line with the teaching of Jesus about becoming as little children.

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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Here is a list of sons found in the Bible:-

1) Methuselah	2) Joshua	3) Saul
4) David	5) Isaac	6) Samuel
7) Jonathan	8) Seth	9) Ham
10) Absalom		

Here is a list of Fathers found in the Bible:-

1) Jesse	2) Abraham	3) Elkanah
2) Adam	5) Noah	6) David
7) Saul	8) Kish	9) Nun
10) Enoch		

Now can you put the correct son to the correct Father?

This is for everybody to try. A prize for the first two correct answers received at the Manse by October 20th.

FOR JUNIOR CHURCH TINIES

Perhaps many of you will have noticed that little children are now to start school in September of the year during which they will reach their fifth birthday. In the past Beginners have joined their first Primary class as they started school. Many of the children starting school this September will in fact only be four, so we are going to try to rearrange the Beginner and Primary structure. As children start school at 4+ they will join Mrs. Mullin's Beginners class, then later be promoted into the Primary classes. The younger children, from babies up to the time they start school, will form a Pre-school group with Mrs. Vincent.

In an informal way the pre-school group will play and pursue activities, and in ways relevant to their abilities, follow the main theme of the Partners in Learning course. We hope to use the O,P.W Room and develop there a pre-school group to which you can bring small children to help them get used to playing together, and doing things together to prepare them for joining the Beginners proper at the same time that they start school.

COMPANY NOT ENTIRE OF ITSELF

Our Pilots began meeting again on September 17th. During the coming year, our 'Voyage' is entitled "No Man is an Island", and we shall be exploring our dependence one upon another. This voyage has been prepared by Rev. Peter Killick, who is our Provincial Pilot Officer. Mr. Killick will be visiting Littleborough Pilots on Wednesday October 1st. We hope to have other visitors at Pilots during the course of the year, in connection with the voyage.

On the weekend of October 17-19th, 8 of our Pilots and their Captain join approximately 100 other Pilots and Officers at the N.W. Pilot Camp at Barnston Dale on the Wirrall. This looks like being a busy and crowded weekend in every way.

AUTUMN FAIR: Date - SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER

YOUNG PEOPLES STALL: If you have not already ordered your gifts and Christmas cards, please ask Mrs. Lightfoot or Mrs. K. Hill for a catalogue NOW!!!

THE DRAPERY STALL Ladies would like to thank everyone who supported their Coffee Evening and Bring & Buy Sale. The proceeds amounted to £11.

A TEA ROOM appeal for help comes from Avis and Joan, who invite the usual helpers with the 'KNOW HOW' and any other ladies who wish, to assist with the tea at the Fair. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated by the 'Newcomers'.

October 7th (Tuesday) - Proceeds for TEA ROOM

COFFEE EVENING

From 7,30 pm.....Admission 10p

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October 28th (Tuesday) Proceeds for TOMBOLA STALL

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING DISPLAY

7.30 p.m. prompt

Admission: Adults 15p
Children 6p
(Including Refreshments)

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CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

DOOR STEWARDS

Oct. 5th	Mr. J. Hill	Mr. J. Nairn	
12th	Mr. R. Mullins	Mrs. Stott	a.m.
	Mr. F. Beattie	Mr. E. Holt	p.m.
19th	Mrs. Crossley	Mr. J. Lord	
26th	Mr. H.N. Hill	Mr. J. Holt	
Nov. 2nd	Mr. J. Nairn	Mr. J. Hill	

ELDERS COMMUNION ROTA

Oct. 12th	Mr. F. Beattie	Mr. J. Nairn	p.m.
26th	Mr. F. Simpson	Mr. J. Lord	a.m.

COFFEE ROTA

Oct. 5th	J. Hobbs	S. Moss
12th	L. Butterworth	B. Holt
19th	J. Allison	B. Allison
	S. Butterworth	
26th	D. Mallinson	J. Mallinson
	Y. Kenny	
Nov. 2nd	P. Mullins	A. Merrick
	B. Merrick	

FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

Oct. 5th	Luke 2: 39 - 52	M. Law
12th	Genesis 1: 1 - 13	K. Hill
19th	Psalm 136: 1 - 9	M. Grindrod
26th	1 Chronicles 28: 11 - 21	H. Vincent
Nov. 2nd		P. Lightfoot

Persons unable to take their appointments as listed are expected to find a suitable substitute.

FLOWERS FOR COMMUNION TABLE

Oct. 5th	Mrs. Lightfoot
12th	Mrs. Cryer & Mrs. Stott
19th	Mrs. Tattersall
26th	Mrs. Mallinson
Nov. 2nd	Mrs. Greenwood

CHURCH DUTIES - MILNROW

FAMILY CHURCH DOOR STEWARDS

Oct.	5th	Mr. H. Mellor	Mrs. F. Butterworth
	12th	Mr. J. Harriosn	Mr. I. Royle
	19th	Mr. J. Collins	Mrs. A. Collins
	26th	Mrs. F. Rae	Mrs. P. Royle
Nov.	2nd	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae

ELDERS ROTA

	EVENING DOOR STEWARDS	DUTY ELDER	ORGANIST/PIANIST EVENING WORSHIP
Oct.			
5th	Mr. R. Gillon	Mr. J.Emmott	Mr. D. Logan
12th	Mr. J. Emmott	Mr. B.Clough	Mrs. E.Starkie
19th	Mrs.M.Howarth	Miss M. Wood	Mrs.C.Bradbury
26th	Mr. R. Gillon	Mrs. E.Gillon	Mr. J. Emmott
Nov.2	Mr. K. Hey	Mrs. N.Settle	Mr. D. Logan

COMMUNION ROTA

Oct.	5th	Mr. B. Clough	Mrs. N. Settle
	19th	Mr. R. Gillon	Mr. J. Emmott) a.m.
		Miss M. Wood	Mrs. M. Howarth)
Nov.	2nd	Mr. A. Roberts	Mrs. E. Gillon

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

Oct.	5th	Mrs. E. Busill	Miss I. Tither
	12th	Mrs. H. Buckley	Mrs. E. Smith
	19th	Miss M. Wood	
	26th	Mrs. J. Duffy	Mrs. F. Butterworth
Nov.	2nd	Mrs. A. Wood	Mrs. A. Collins

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COLLECTIONS

		Cash			
		am.	pm.	Envelopes	Total
Aug.	3rd	6.34	1.90	18.51	26.75
	10th	5.83	1.59	16.82	24.24
	17th	5.03	1.29	14.62	20.94
	24th	5.53	1.05	13.56	20.14
	31st	5.64	75	9.62	16.01
		£28.37	£6.58	£73.13	£108.08

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When you fed.
When was I hungry

In as much as you did
these things to one of my brethren
you did it on to me

Matthew
25-45